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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **KANAYA, Masatoshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3643**

Serial Number: **10/069,954**

Examiner: **PARSLEY, DAVID J**

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For: **METHOD OF DETECTING AND REMOVING UNSTRIPPED RESIDUAL
SHELL LEFT ON SHELLFISH, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR**

Attorney Docket No.: **020287**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.